

Library of Michigan

**Michigan Public
Libraries:
Data Digest**

2000 Edition

Data Digest 2000

Welcome to the first edition of the Michigan Public Libraries: Data Digest. By emphasizing significant statistical information, we hope to provide valuable reference points that quantitatively communicate the state of public libraries in Michigan.

The information contained in this digest reflects the activity of the 383 main libraries, 270 branch libraries and 19 bookmobiles providing public library service in Michigan. The National public library data included on pages 2 and 3 was obtained from the American Library Association at www.ala.org.

Greater detail of statistical data can be found in the Michigan Library Statistical Report, 2000 Edition which comprises the information collected and submitted via the FY 1999/2000 Public Library Annual Report.

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- √ There are more public libraries in the U.S. than there are McDonald's restaurants - a total of 15,872 nationwide including branches. Michigan has 383 central libraries, 270 branches and 19 bookmobiles.
- √ Americans make 3.5 billion visits to school, public and college libraries each year - about three times the attendance at movie theaters. In 1998, Michigan averaged 4.0 public library visits per capita (20th in the nation).
- √ Nationally, public libraries receive less than 1% of all tax dollars, but are used by more than 50% of all adults.
- √ More children participate in summer reading programs at libraries than play Little League baseball.

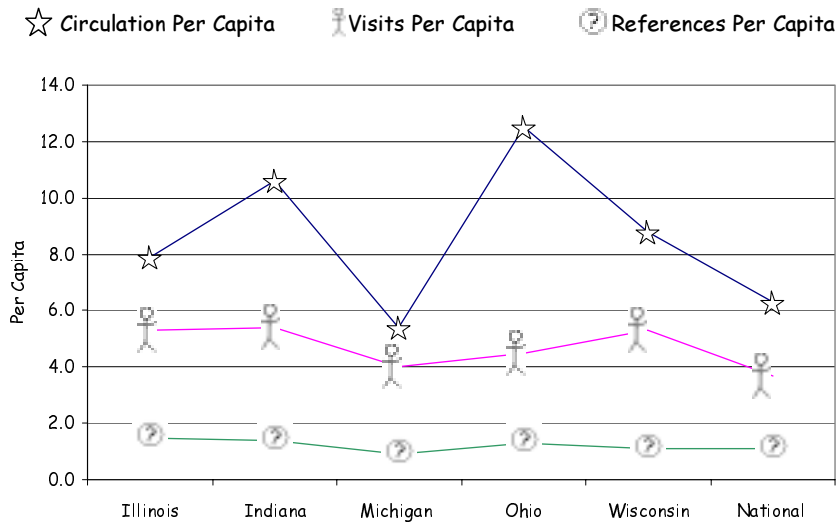
- ✓ Reference librarians in Michigan's public libraries answer more than seven million questions a year. Standing single file, the line of questioners would circle the entire state - both upper and lower peninsulas.
- ✓ Federal spending in Michigan libraries totals only 13 cents per person - less than half the cost of a postage stamp.
- ✓ Each Michigan resident checks out an average of five items and spends about \$19 a year in taxes for the public library - less than the cost of one best seller.
- ✓ Public libraries are the number one point of online access for people without an Internet connection at home, school or work.
- ✓ Michigan libraries make information affordable, available and accessible to all people.

National Comparisons*

	Michigan's Ranking	Michigan Averages	National Averages
State operating income per capita	16	\$1.81	\$2.97
Local operating income per capita	19	\$20.33	\$19.00
Total operating income per capita	19	\$24.06	\$24.48
Operating expenditures per capita	21	\$22.14	\$22.88
Reference transactions per capita	23	.9	1.1
Books/serial volumes per capita	27	2.8	2.8
Visits per capita	28	3.9	4.1
Circulation per capita	34	5.5	6.6

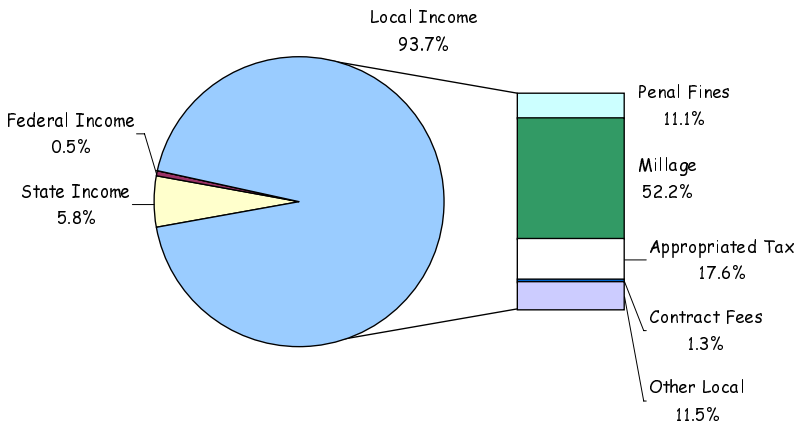
** U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Federal-State Cooperative System (FSCS) for Public Library Data, Public Libraries Survey, Fiscal Year 1997*

National and Regional Comparative Preliminary Data FY 1998



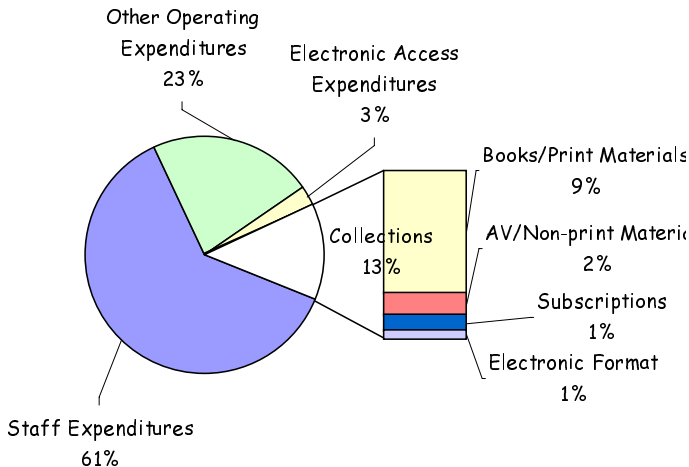
Operating Income by Source FY 1999

Michigan's public libraries received \$259 million total operating income, an average of \$27.88 received to provide services for each Michigan resident.

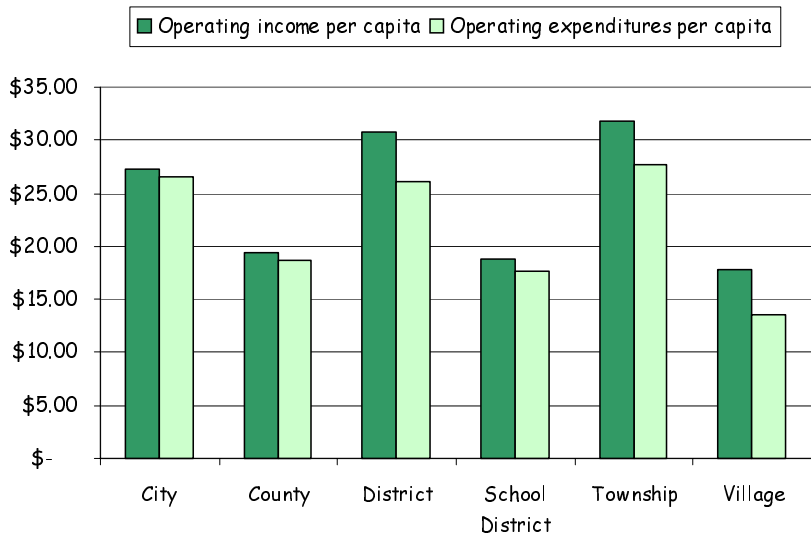


Operating Expenditures FY 1999

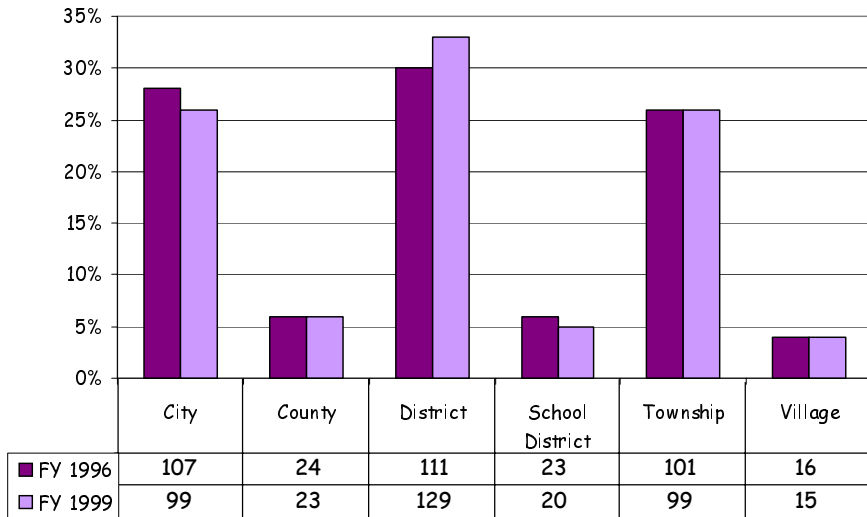
Michigan's public libraries spent \$235 million total operating expenditures and \$37.6 million total capital expenditures.



**Operating Income and Expenditures
Per Capita by Governance Structure
FY 1999**



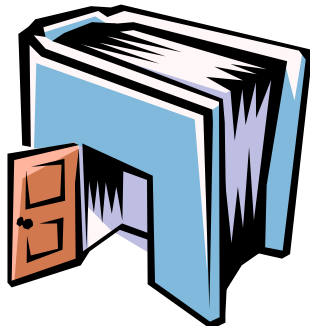
Number of Libraries by Governance Structure FY 1996 and FY 1999



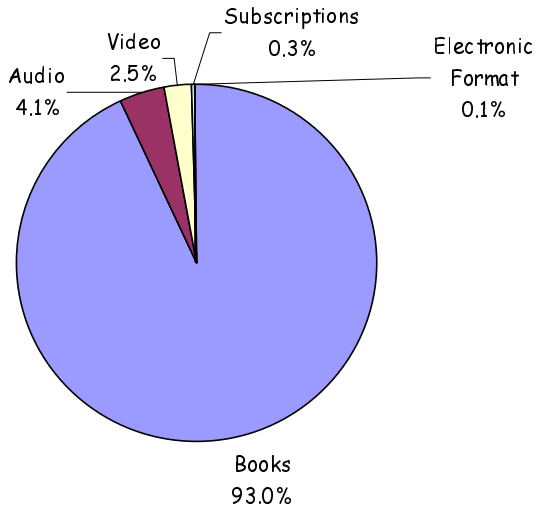
A day in the life:

On a typical day Michigan public libraries:

- ◆ Welcome 106,274 people
- ◆ Circulate 137,473 items
- ◆ Conduct 21,070 reference transactions



Michigan Public Library Collections FY 1999



The Difference of a Decade

Libraries are significant components of our societies. Whether accessed for popular reading material, research, entertainment, education or computers, the data indicates an increase in public library usage. Though technology has changed the way that some patrons interface with their library, such as remote access, it also allows librarians to provide more expansive services while still being available for programs, reference and instruction.

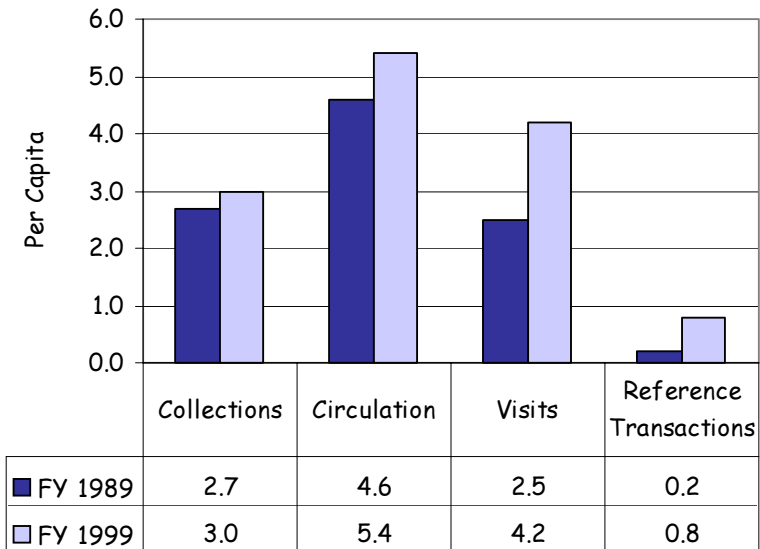
In FY 1989, Michigan public libraries had:

- ◆ Automated systems at 31% of the libraries
- ◆ Telefax equipment at 26% of libraries
- ◆ 25 million items available in their collections
- ◆ Computers available for public use at 28% of libraries

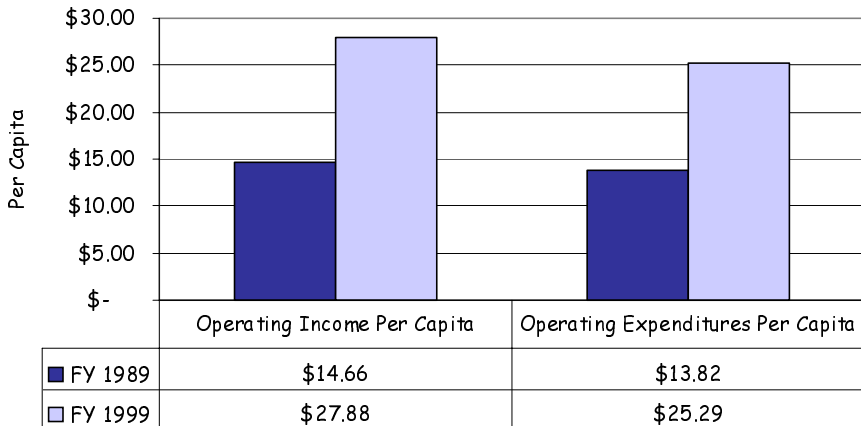
In FY 1999, Michigan public libraries had:

- ◆ Automated systems at 81% of the libraries
- ◆ 28 million items available in their collections
- ◆ 1.3 million people attend children's programs
- ◆ 183 libraries offering ADA compliant workstations
- ◆ 201, or 55%, of libraries with web pages
- ◆ 4,591 computers available for public use
- ◆ Computers available for public use at 93% of libraries

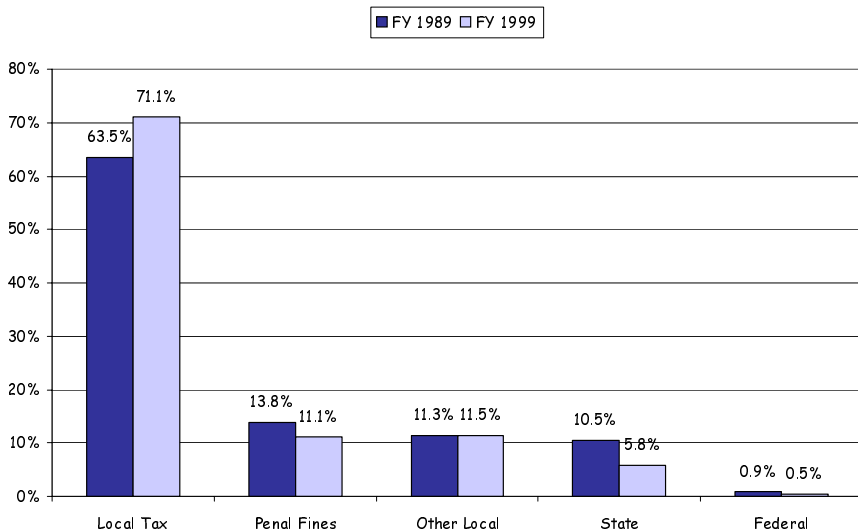
Library Service Trends FY 1989 - FY 1999



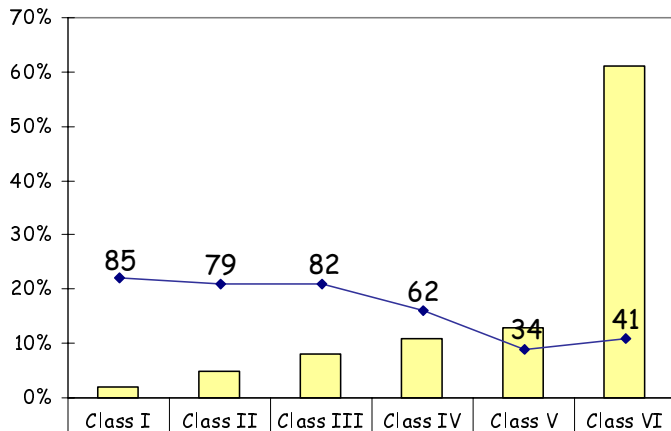
Library Operating Income and Expenditure Trends FY 1989 - FY 1999



Sources of Operating Income Trends FY 1989 - FY 1999



Number of Libraries and Population Served by Class Size FY 1999



 Population Served	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV	Class V	Class VI
	2%	5%	8%	11%	13%	61%
 Number of Libraries	22%	21%	21%	16%	9%	11%

Class I

Libraries serving a population between 0-3,999

	FY 1989	FY 1999
State operating income per capita	\$.67	\$.80
Local operating income per capita	\$ 10.16	\$ 19.63
Total operating income per capita	\$ 10.92	\$ 20.74
Operating expenditures per capita	\$ 8.65	\$ 16.37
Reference per capita	.3	.5
Collections per capita	4.5	5.6
Visits per capita	2.5	3.7
Circulation per capita	5.3	5.7
Number of main libraries	94	85
Total Library Service Population	241,497	217,854

Class II

Libraries serving a population between 4,000-6,999

	FY 1989	FY 1999
State operating income per capita	\$.70	\$.91
Local operating income per capita	\$ 9.73	\$ 20.10
Total operating income per capita	\$ 10.51	\$ 21.09
Operating expenditures per capita	\$ 9.28	\$ 17.05
Reference per capita	.3	.4
Collections per capita	3.5	4.1
Visits per capita	1.9	3.5
Circulation per capita	4.8	5.8
Number of main libraries	77	79
Total Library Service Population	409,867	420,257

Class III

Libraries serving a population between 7,000-11,999

	FY 1989	FY 1999
State operating income per capita	\$.75	\$.95
Local operating income per capita	\$ 9.52	\$ 21.80
Total operating income per capita	\$ 10.80	\$ 23.11
Operating expenditures per capita	\$ 9.23	\$ 20.14
Reference per capita	.7	.5
Collections per capita	2.9	3.5
Visits per capita	1.6	4.8
Circulation per capita	5.0	6.0
Number of main libraries	77	82
Total Library Service Population	710,203	764,809

Class IV

Libraries serving a population between 12,000-25,999

	FY 1989	FY 1999
State operating income per capita	\$.74	\$ 1.01
Local operating income per capita	\$ 11.80	\$ 26.80
Total operating income per capita	\$ 12.58	\$ 27.97
Operating expenditures per capita	\$ 11.67	\$ 24.38
Reference per capita	1.6	.6
Collections per capita	2.6	3.1
Visits per capita	1.7	4.6
Circulation per capita	5.3	6.3
Number of main libraries	59	62
Total Library Service Population	1,016,082	1,069,026

Class V

Libraries serving a population between 26,000-49,999

	FY 1989	FY 1999
State operating income per capita	\$.83	\$.95
Local operating income per capita	\$ 14.28	\$ 25.82
Total operating income per capita	\$ 15.17	\$ 26.84
Operating expenditures per capita	\$ 13.91	\$ 25.76
Reference per capita	.8	.8
Collections per capita	2.8	2.9
Visits per capita	2.4	4.4
Circulation per capita	4.9	5.9
Number of main libraries	31	34
Total Library Service Population	1,088,396	1,169,905

Class VI

Libraries serving a population of 50,000 and over

	FY 1989	FY 1999
State operating income per capita	\$ 2.01	\$ 2.03
Local operating income per capita	\$ 13.65	\$ 27.15
Total operating income per capita	\$ 15.78	\$ 29.29
Operating expenditures per capita	\$ 15.23	\$ 26.83
Reference per capita	1.2	1.0
Collections per capita	2.7	2.4
Visits per capita	2.8	4.0
Circulation per capita	4.4	5.0
Number of main libraries	39	41
Total Library Service Population	5,834,173	5,694,776

Did you know?

In FY 1999, Michigan's public libraries:

- ◆ Were open to the public 1,344,671 hours
- ◆ Answered 7.7 million reference questions
- ◆ Provided Internet access at 96% of libraries
- ◆ Relied on local support for 94% of their operating income
- ◆ Employed 7,129 people



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